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## Pandemic concerns cancel Canton Liberty Fest

The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed another casualty with the cancellation of the largest community celebration in Canton Township for the second consecutive year.

Township officials said that the cancellation of the three-day Canton Liberty Fest which typically attracts thousands of individuals was necessary in light of the latest guidelines from State of Michigan public health experts. The cancellation is the second year the township has been forced to cancel the popular community event in an effort to mitigate the spread of the corona virus. Liberty Fest usually included carnival rides and midway games, live entertainment on two stages, a car and truck show, a marketplace and a variety of festival food. Traditionally, the festival concluded with a large fireworks display.

Officials said the decision was made "after monitoring ongoing COVID-19 concerns, and with the uncertainty that the next few months may present, the official decision has been made out of an abundance of caution." The festival, first established in 1991, was set for June 17-19.

"This final decision had to be made due to the continuously evolving health and safety concerns in our community," stated Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director. "Rest assured that we are making plans in the true Canton community spirit to host an alternate community celebration as soon as conditions will allow that may include a fireworks display, hopefully later this fall."

Staff members are already at work planning two free summer concert series that will enable the community to safely come together to enjoy music at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, Hohenberger said. The 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday Night LIVE! Concert Series will begin June 17 and will continue every Thursday through Aug. 19. The live music performances take place from 7-8:30 p.m. The township is also sponsoring the Tuesdays Are Terrific series from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. starting July 13. This youth variety series continues July 20 and 27 and Aug. 10.

These concerts are geared toward preschool and elementary age audiences.

Both of these free concert series are sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union. Performer lineup details are available at www.canton-fun.org.

## Sumpter treasurer now denies claiming 'missing funds'

The author of a political letter to the editor published in a Belleville newspaper remains in question despite the best efforts of Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young.

The matter was referred to Young by the township board of trustees for investigation following the Aug. 28, 2020 publication of the letter which alleged financial mismanagement in the township.

Young told the board members during the April 13 meeting that he had interviewed every department head and spoken extensively with the financial director regarding the claims.

"There is zero point zero chance there is or was any money missing ," he said. "I'll say it again, there is zero point zero chance there are any problems. This was all made up, there is no missing money."

The published letter was signed by then candidate for Township Treasurer Jim Clark who repeatedly denied writing the letter during the meeting.

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"I did not write that letter," he stated adamantly.

Young said that during his interview with Clark, the treasurer said he had received information about missing funds from his predecessor in the treasurer's office, Ken Bednark. He said Bednark told him there were unpaid taxes and unpaid water monies going uncollected. Young said that Bednark, however, absolutely denied providing that information to Clark during a subsequent interview. "He said they never had that conversation," Young reported. Bednark has reportedly demanded a formal apology from Clark regarding his statements.

Trustee Matt Oddy thanked Young for his extensive work in attempting to discover who wrote the letter. He noted that this was an issue of great importance to him as it impacted the reputation of the entire community.

"Now it's an issue of who is telling the truth. Bednark now says he never told you (Clark) that there were missing funds. You were hoodwinked," he told Clark. "There is a new allegation that Bednark actually wrote the letter," Oddy said.

"We have to have our reputation. The paper distributed this claim of financial disparity as fact," he added. "The paper has an obligation to print the truth. This paper doesn't verify, (she) just prints. The community and the residents are being disparaged. You think anyone at the paper thought for a minute there were millions missing? They did not, but they printed it to see what kind of chaos they could cause."

The letter, now disavowed by Clark, alleged that there were millions of dollars missing from the township including $400,000 missing from the water department and money missing from the office of Township Clerk Esther Hurst, along with an allegation that her office had torn up and mishandled ballots, and false claims of missing funds from other township departments.

Trustee Peggy Morgan attempted to defend the publication of the letter commenting that "everyone on the board has used the paper. If you send in a letter it gets printed. That's on you," she said. "When you're

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## Volunteers sought to aid at COVID vaccination clinics

Volunteers to help in the fight against the pandemic are needed in Canton Township.

Canton has scheduled vaccination clinics each week through the end of June, and the effort is in need of volunteer assistants.

Currently, township officials are utilizing adult volunteers who have a current volunteer application on file with Canton Leisure Services or Canton CERT team members. Anyone who is currently a volunteer with Canton Township and would like to help out at the clinics, should review the available time slots and sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054EAFAC23A1FC1-vaccine

Volunteers are asked to work a four-hour shift and will have an opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, if desired. For more information, email jaiello@canton-mi.org.

Anyone who is not currently a registered volunteer, can visit www.canton-mi.org/582 and complete an application. Processing of this application, which includes a background check, may take several days and does not guarantee approval, officials said. Individuals should not sign up for a volunteer shift if they do not have an approved application on file. These background checks help ensure the safety of residents, officials said.

Upon signing up for a volunteer shift(s), volunteers will receive a confirmation and then a reminder two days prior to the specified time; volunteers are only required to volunteer one four-hour shift, but multiple dates are welcome; volunteers 16-17 must be accompanied by their guardian (who is also volunteering on the same date), and volunteers will be given the opportunity to receive a vaccine if desired, although the inoculation cannot be gifted to another person.

# Canton

## Local construction prompts caution from officials

Orange seems to be the color of the season in Canton Township as large barrels warn motorists of narrowed roadways and road signs advise of detours.

Canton officials recently advised motorists to pay attention and adhere to all the posted detour routes and to exercise caution through the construction areas like the current rehabilitation and repair work on Canton Center Road from Cherry Hill to Ford Road which began last week. Lane closures are currently in effect to prepare for pavement removal next week, officials said. During the first phase of this project, all north and southbound traffic on Canton Center Road will be moved to the outside lanes while the middle three lanes are under construction. Traffic will be maintained in both directions for the duration of the project, however motorists should expect heavy delays, they advised.

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The orange barrels and signs are also prevalent during the construction on Cherry Hill Road in the township as Wayne County workers widen and resurface the roadway from Lilley to Haggerty Road. The county is also planning to widen and resurface Haggerty Road 600 feet north and Cherry Hill Road 400-feet south.

This will be a two-phase project, officials said. During phase one, eastbound Cherry Hill will be closed. Traffic will be detoured northbound on Lilley Road to eastbound Ford Road to southbound Lotz Road ending the detour back at Cherry Hill. Westbound Cherry Hill traffic will be maintained, officials advised.

During phase two, westbound Cherry Hill will be closed. Traffic will be detoured northbound on to Lotz Road to westbound Ford Road to southbound Lilley Road ending the detour back at Cherry Hill. Eastbound Cherry Hill traffic will be maintained. Construction on this project is expected to be complete by late July, according to Wayne County projections.

For up-to-date information on road projects under way in Canton, visit www.canton-mi.org/roads, facebook.com/cantonmsd or call Engineering Services at (734) 394-5150.

## Canton teen is accused of assaulting father with car

A 17-year-old girl has been charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm following an argument with her father.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Jenna Shi of Canton Township with assaulting her father, Guangjie Shi, 50, with a moving vehicle during an argument Tuesday, April 19.

Canton Township police were called to the intersection of Liberty and Stanton at approximately 4:44 p.m. in response to a report of a man injured after being thrown from the hood of a moving vehicle. Emergency medical personnel rushed Guangjie Shi to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries.

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It is alleged that the father and daughter had an escalating argument and the victim jumped on the hood of the moving vehicle while the defendant was trying to leave. Witnesses said the daughter was driving the car when her father was thrown from the vehicle.

"The alleged facts in this case clearly reflect a family in crisis," Worthy said. Today's times are exceedingly difficult. There is no shame in admitting that you help. Please seek that help for yourself and/or your family when you need it."

In addition to the assault charge, Jenna Shi has been charged with reckless driving causing serious injury. She was arraigned April 21 in 35th District Court and given a $100,000 bond and ordered to have no contact with her father. Her probable cause conference is set for tomorrow, April 30, before Judge Michael Gerou. Shi's preliminary examination is set for May 10 before Judge Ronald Lowe in 35th District Court.

## Trustees hear state update from Lansing lobbying firm

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Members of the Canton Board of Trustees received an update from the township lobbying firm representative during the regular meeting earlier this month.

COVID relief funds have arrived in Michigan from the federal government, but disagreements between the Legislature and executive branch at the Michigan Capitol have delayed plans for spending the money explained Stephanie Johnson of Khoury Johnson Leavitt, the firm which represents Canton in Lansing.

"That we're going to have to figure out how to spend. There are a lot of disagreements going on," said Johnson during her report to the board members during the April 13 meeting.

Johnson also addressed the current pandemic warning the officials, "We are nowhere near out of the woods." Michigan had that day suspended use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine due in part to blood clot concerns.

"We still have a long way to go before we are through this pandemic," she added, noting public compliance with safety protocols remains a concern.

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Trustee Sommer Foster asked about roads, with Johnson explaining that there are no current talks about a fuel tax but that federal COVID relief dollars could be used to improve roads. She added that potholes are less severe this spring than others.

Johnson also updated the trustees on several Michigan Legislature bill packages, and noted having a budget in place by June is unlikely. A 39-bill package in the Senate is on election reform, driven by the Senate GOP Caucus, she said.

That package includes the information Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson must publish on her website, as well as defining a qualified voter. Another bill package deals with recycling and is bipartisan, focused especially on communities of 5,000 or more.

Criminal justice reform bills include making law enforcement disciplinary records public, Johnson said. "We do have a Use of Force data base in the state," she added of that effort with the FBI and Michigan State Police.

Also at the April 13 meeting, Canton Director of Municipal Services Jade Smith recommended that the township not join a regional water authority with Livonia, Northville Township and Westland.

Smith noted Canton is still paying debt on the water tower built in the summer of 2018, and that with minor changes Canton can reach considerable cost savings.

The five board members present - Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Treasurer Dian Slavens, and Trustees Tania Ganguly, Sommer Foster and Kate Borninski - agreed that is preferable.

Several staffers of OHM Advisors spoke to the board members about the water storage issues at the meeting, and Smith planned to contact the firm. He said the other three communities are also contacting their elected bodies.

## Arts commission is sponsoring 'Spell CANTON' contest

Members of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage are welcoming unique interpretations of the name using photos of objects in the community to spell out Canton. The letter art photography will continue to accept original artwork entries through Sept. 6.

Canton residents or groups with at least one Canton resident are asked to take pictures in the Canton community to create a unique sign spelling out C.A.N.T.O.N. for a chance to win a gift basket featuring a variety of gift cards valued at more than $100.

Contest participants may submit their original completed artwork to Facebook or Instagram using #howdoyouspellcanton along with the team or individual name hashtag. Entries should also identify the location of each letter found within the community or explain the inspiration

For more information, visit www.canton-mi.org/181 or email culturalcommission@canton-mi.org.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AMENDMENT AND**
**2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS**
**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Canton Township announces the public comment period for amendments to the PY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and amendments to the PY 2019 Annual Action Plan. The above named documents for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are available for inspection on the Canton Township website at https://www.canton-mi.org. Comments on the **CONSOLIDATED PLAN** and the **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN** will be accepted for 21 days, beginning April 29, 2021. Communications may be addressed in writing to: CDBG- Canton Township, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI 48188 or by email to mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org Comments received during the public comment period will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the reports.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING**
**May 19, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM by electronic remote access via Zoom. For information on how to view and participate in the meeting, **please visit the township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/**. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 170, Article 3.2, I (3), Accessory structures or uses to allow an accessory structure to be located in the side yard; with a 8' side yard setback where a 15' setback is required.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**REQUEST FOR**
**ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS**

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 13, 2021 to receive public comment for the following zoning ordinance text amendments.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST(s)

1) A PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Section 2.2: Definitions of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

2) A PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Article 9: Signs.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township
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**SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**REQUEST FOR**
**SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT**

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 13, 2021 regarding the request for an amendment to a Special Land Use Permit.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

A PROPOSED request is to amend a special land use permit, approved at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting held on July 12, 2018, to divide the existing 9.50 acres of land into two (2) separate parcels consisting of 5.037 acres and 4.463 acres. The subject special land use amendment is for 50425 Bemis Road., Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

*Employment:* The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

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*Modifications to Policies and Procedures:* The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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# ROMULUS - WAYNE

## Mayor opts not to seek reelection in November

There will be no primary election necessary in the City of Romulus although voters will have several choices to make on the Nov. 2 General Election ballot.

Current Mayor LeRoy Burcroff has opted not to seek reelection. Seeking the top job in the city will be two familiar candidates, former Mayor Alan Lambert and current Romulus Director of Public Services Robert McCraight.

Long-time City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg will be unopposed as will incumbent Treasurer Stacy Paige.

Seeking terms on the seven-member city council will be incumbents Kathy Abdo; John Barden; Celeste Roscoe; Tina Talley; Eva Webb; William Wadsworth and Virginia Williams.

> *A full text of the ballot proposition is available at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111Wayne Road.*

The incumbents will be challenged by Shakeel Ahmed; former Councilman Harry J. Crout; Dwight Helms; Allen Wilson and David Hotz.

Candidates had until Tuesday to withdraw from the election.

Voters will be asked to go to the polls May 4, however, to determine the question of an operating millage proposal from the Romulus Community Schools.

District officials are asking voters to approve the renewal of a 17.6836 millage rate, which is $17.6836 for each $1,000 of taxable valuation of property for the term of 10 years. The renewal would be effective from 2022 until 2031, inclusive, if voters approve the question.

School officials said the millage would be used for operating the district. The estimate of the revenue the district would collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2022 in approximately $10,230,000. This millage is a renewal of a millage that will expired with the 2021 levy and would restore the millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Headlee amendment. District officials said the amount would be levied "only to the extent necessary to restore the reduction necessitated by the Headlee amendment."

A full text of the ballot proposition is available at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111Wayne Road.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff

## Senior Alliance plans free food distribution in Wayne

An emergency food distribution is planned for 10 a.m. until noon May 21 at The Senior Alliance, 5454 Venoy Road in Wayne.

Seniors ages 60 and older who reside in southern and western Wayne County communities are eligible for the food boxes which will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Also eligible are adults living with a disability residing with an individual 60 and older and individuals currently enrolled in the MI Choice Medicaid Waiver Program.

Traffic should enter the parking lot from Venoy Road and follow the signs to enter the line. Food boxes are limited but participants are asked not to arrive before 9:30 a.m.

Senior Alliance officials said the distribution will follow guidelines in compliance with social distancing. Motorists are asked to follow the guidance of staff, volunteers and police as they direct cars through the distribution area.

All individuals must remain in their vehicle and after driving into the distribution area, participants should stay in the car pop trunk and follow directional signs. If the car trunk does not open or there is not space, participants will be directed to drive forward to a table to personally load the food box. Volunteers cannot place food into the passenger area of the vehicle. Attendees will be required to provide the name, address, age and authorize a signature by proxy for each individual receiving a food box.

> *All individuals must remain in their vehicle and after driving into the distribution area.*

For more information, call (734) 788-3958 or email jgolden@thesenioralliance.org.

## Help sought in finding junior high school time capsule

When a group of Romulus Middle School students buried a time capsule back in 1995, they did a really good job.

So good, in fact, that as the same Romulus High School Class of 2020 class members get ready to celebrate their delayed 20th class reunion, they can't find it.

Romulus Councilwoman Kathy Abdo asked the members of the council during a recent meeting to use their personal resources to see if they might know of anyone who might remember where the time capsule was buried.

> *If anyone has any recollection of where it might be, please let me know.*

"They had to cancel the 20th reunion last year due to COVID," Abdo told the board members, "but are planning to have it July 31 this year."

She said the then 8th grade students have been seeking the location of the "buried treasure" for weeks, but they cannot remember where it is buried.

"If anyone has any recollection of where it might be, please let me know," the retired Romulus High School teacher said. "They would really like to open it during the reunion."

Abdo explained that this Class of 2000 was the group chronicled throughout their educational time with regular newspaper stories.

"The Free Press did an article about them every year," she reminded the council members and said that she and others have been contacting former teachers and others in an effort to find the junior high school project.

Abdo said anyone with information could contact her through the number listed on the Romulus city website (734) 955-4506, option 3 or email her at kabdo@romulusgov.com.



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# Westland

## 5 file for mayor's office, 13 seek council terms

Westland voters will have the opportunity to winnow an extensive field of candidates for mayor and city council during an August primary election this year.

Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc received 18 nominating petitions from candidates last week, four hoping to unseat incumbent Mayor William R. Wild and 13 wanting to serve on the city council

The top two candidates for mayor chosen by voters during the Aug. 3 primary will move on to the Nov. 2 general election ballot. The top eight vote getters during the primary will appear on the November ballot seeking terms on the city council.

Candidates had until last Friday to withdraw from any of the races.

Incumbent Wild, seeking his fourth term as mayor, will be challenged by William Asper; Daniel Beier; current City Councilwoman Tasha Green and Edward Pruettt. The mayoral term is four years and is paid $121,564 annually.

Four terms on the city council are being sought by 13 candidates. One of those is that of Green who resigned her council position to seek the mayoral office.

Three incumbents, Jim Hart, James Godbout and Peter Herzberg, have all filed for reelection to their expiring seats. Council members are paid $17,368 annually, while the council pro-tem is paid $17,802 and the council president is paid $18,247. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes during the November balloting will serve four-year terms on the council while the fourth-highest vote total will serve a two-year term. The president and president pro-tem of the council are chosen by their fellow elected members during the first organizational meeting following the swearing in of the new officials.

The three incumbent city councilmen will be challenged by: Angela Anderson; Sarah Austin; David Cox; Mike Delph; Debra Fowlkes; Jon Haddad; Candi Halton; Antoinette Martin; Josh Powell and Melissa Sampey.

Voters will also be asked to decide on a 10-year, .85 millage to help fund operations at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

If approved by voters, the 10-year millage would generate about $1.4 million during the first year on the tax rolls. Currently, Westland residents pay a .975 millage to operate the library which will expire this year.

Library officials said the millage is needed for operating the library including maintenance, wages, books, programs and services necessary to keep the facility open and accessible to the public.

Mayor William R. Wild

### Help wanted

Volunteers are needed for the annual Lighthouse Home Mission yard sale set for Friday April 30 through Saturday, May 8. All proceeds from the sale go to stock the food pantry at the facility. Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. each day of the sale and donations of gently used items of any type are being accepted. To volunteer, call Paola Tucker or text (734)334-3204. The mission is located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland.

## Local man now serving on Navy Guided Missile Cruiser

Rick Burke
Navy Office of Community Outreach

A Westland man is serving aboard USS Philippine Sea, a U.S. Navy Flight II Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser, homeported in Mayport, FLA.

Petty Ofc. 2nd Class Brian Williams is a 2014 Wayne Memorial High School graduate and 2019 graduate of Washtenaw Community College. Today, Williams serves as a damage controlman.

"I'm responsible for being a fire systems technician and firefighter aboard the ship," said Williams. "I've also enjoyed the relationship I have built with my brothers."

Williams joined the Navy two years ago, he said, to give his wife and children a better life.

According to Williams, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Westland.

"I learned if you want to be successful, you have to work hard and grind every day," said Williams. "Life gives you many obstacles to overcome, it's all about how you are going to overcome them and keep moving forward."

Though there are many opportunities for sailors to earn recognition in their command, community and careers, Williams is most proud of being a first time homeowner at 23 years old.

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Williams, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"Serving in the Navy has shown me that I am mentally and physically stronger than I thought I was," added Williams. "This life is hard but the reward is great."

### On air

Megan Kirk is the new communications specialist with the WLND/Community Media team. Kirk's duties will include coordinating Westland social media platforms, communications efforts, assisting with WLND programming and hosting "On-Air" projects at the city cable channel. Kirk has been a writer and content creator for many highly regarded content providers, officials said. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and loves to read and enjoys writing, news and being a dog mom to her 4-year-old poodle, Tucker, they added.

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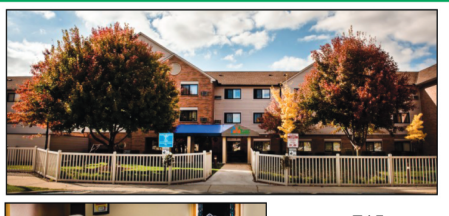
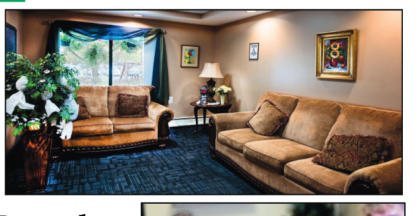

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# Be a 'Buddy'

## Church begins new reading program

Inkster children now have a buddy to help them develop strong reading skills.

Smith Chapel AME Church in Inkster has instituted a Reading Buddy Program which is designed to help children in grades K-4 improve reading and comprehension skills. After consulting with a parent, each child is matched with a Reading Buddy who will read a book with the child.

Books are chosen from a curated reading list with a focus on cultural awareness, history and dream building. Brand new books are mailed to the child free of charge and each time a child completes a certain number of books (two, five, 10) the child receives an incentive award. Children can keep the books to add to, or create, their personal library. Pastor Katrese Kirk McKenzie said she believes the Reading Buddy Program can make a difference in a child's ability to be on pace, or possibly exceed, their grade level for reading and comprehension.

"Over a year into the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen reports of families who use tutoring services and learning pods, to make sure their children do not lose ground with their studies. However, many are concerned that children who can't afford those resources and are being left behind as schools alternate between remote and face-to-face learning. Research has shown the more children read, the wider their vocabularies become, which leads to better communication and writing skills. The bottom line is strong reading skills are essential to academic and career success," Kirk McKenzie said.

Currently, all interactions between the child and the Reading Buddy are by Facetime, Zoom and other digital platforms, convenient to the family schedule. All Reading Buddies are volunteers, who have undergone training with licensed teachers and have had an independent background check.

Some Buddies are currently teachers in local school systems.

For more information, or an application to participate in the Reading Buddy Program contact admin@smithchapelamechurch.org.

## Spring cleaning

Members of the Belleville Rotary Club, personnel from David C. Brown Funeral Home, Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, and several local community volunteers braved the unexpected wintery-mix of springtime weather April 20 and picked up 25 bags of refuse, leaves, and other yard waste at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. The volunteers cleaned about 750 pounds of debris from the cemetery while earlier in the day a group of Rotarians and friends also cleared storm drain blockages on Potter and Edgemont streets in Belleville.

# Apartment unit wait lists now open

Wait lists for apartment units at Twin Towers, Demby Terrace and Parkside Estates in Inkster opened to applicants Tuesday.

The Inkster Housing and Redevelopment Commission (IHRC) opened the lists for those hoping to lease the units pursuant to HUD regulations. The Inkster Housing Commission will accept public housing applications from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the administrative office, 4500 Inkster Road in Inkster.

The Lemoyne Gardens 1, Lemoyne Gardens 2, and Canterbury waitlists will remain closed until further public notice. Interested applicants can either visit the Inkster Housing Commission Administrative Office or call (313) 561-2600 for more information.

The Inkster Housing and Redevelopment Commission will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified individual with a disability by providing modifications, alterations or adaptation in policy, procedures, and practices.

# Letter

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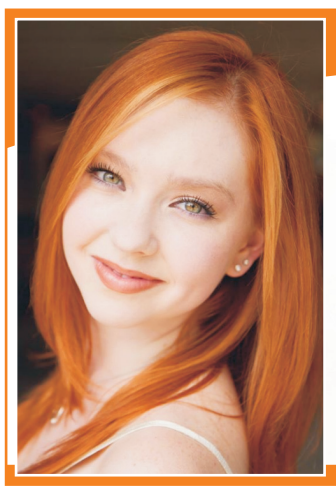
elected if somebody says something about you, there's nothing you can do," she said.

Trustee Tim Rush strongly disagreed noting that he had come to a significant financial settlement with the publication following false statements printed about him.

Young expressed his disgust with the issue and criticized the local publication and the impact of the falsehoods on the reputation of the township.

"Ive had it up to here with this. People around make up this stuff and I am not going to put up with it. I may not prevail in court, but I will try. This does damage to people and I don't know anybody in the community who would not be outraged by these lies."

*Editor's note: Neither Bednark or Clark returned calls seeking comment for this story.*

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# Northville - Plymouth

## City schedules public hearing on budget

A public hearing on the City of Northville 2022 budget is set for 7 p.m. May 17.

Members of the city council have been reviewing the budget during recent meetings with City Manager Pat Sullivan who detailed anticipated revenue and several larger expenses. Among those, he said during an overview of the budget, are street construction and parking repaving, and the renovation of the fire station. Unfunded pensions continue to be a large expense but that liability is being paid down steadily over time, Sullivan told the council members. He said the liability for retiree healthcare benefits (OPEB) is now fully funded.

Finance Director Sandi Wiktorowski also responded to questions by council members with added input from department directors.

Council members asked about the replacement of water meters and the cost required to read those meters. Approximately 400 residents are still using old meters, and those have become more difficult to manually read as they are scattered throughout the city, officials said. The city-wide meter replacement program has slowed down due to the pandemic. Once this program is complete, additional cost savings are expected in next year's budget, they said.

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No amounts from the American Rescue Plan Act were included in this budget since distribution of $4 billion allocated to local governments within Michigan is not yet finalized, Sullivan noted. Local government funds will be distributed in two equal branches, the first by May 10, and the second by March 11, 2022. The ARP law allows until the end of 2024 to use this community investment.

Funds allocated from each of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund may be used to: respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and impacted industries such as tourism and hospitality; provide premium pay to essential employees of state or local governments or make grants to the employers of essential employees. Premium pay may not exceed $13 per hour or $25,000 per worker; provide government services to the extent of any revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19 or make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

State and local governments cannot use the funds to make pension payments or to offset revenue losses resulting from any tax cut, tax delay or tax rebate enacted after March 3, 2021.

## Plymouth City Commission has only 4 candidates

The outcome of the Nov. 2 general election for the four expiring terms on the Plymouth City Commission is pretty much already determined.

Only four candidates filed the necessary nominating petitions last week for the seats leaving voters to decide only which three candidates will serve four-year terms and who will serve the lone two-year term on the municipal body, unless write-in candidates appear later in the election cycle.

One of the four seats on the commission will be filled by incumbent Nick Moroz, who currently served as mayor pro tem. Moroz was the lone incumbent to file for reelection to the commission.

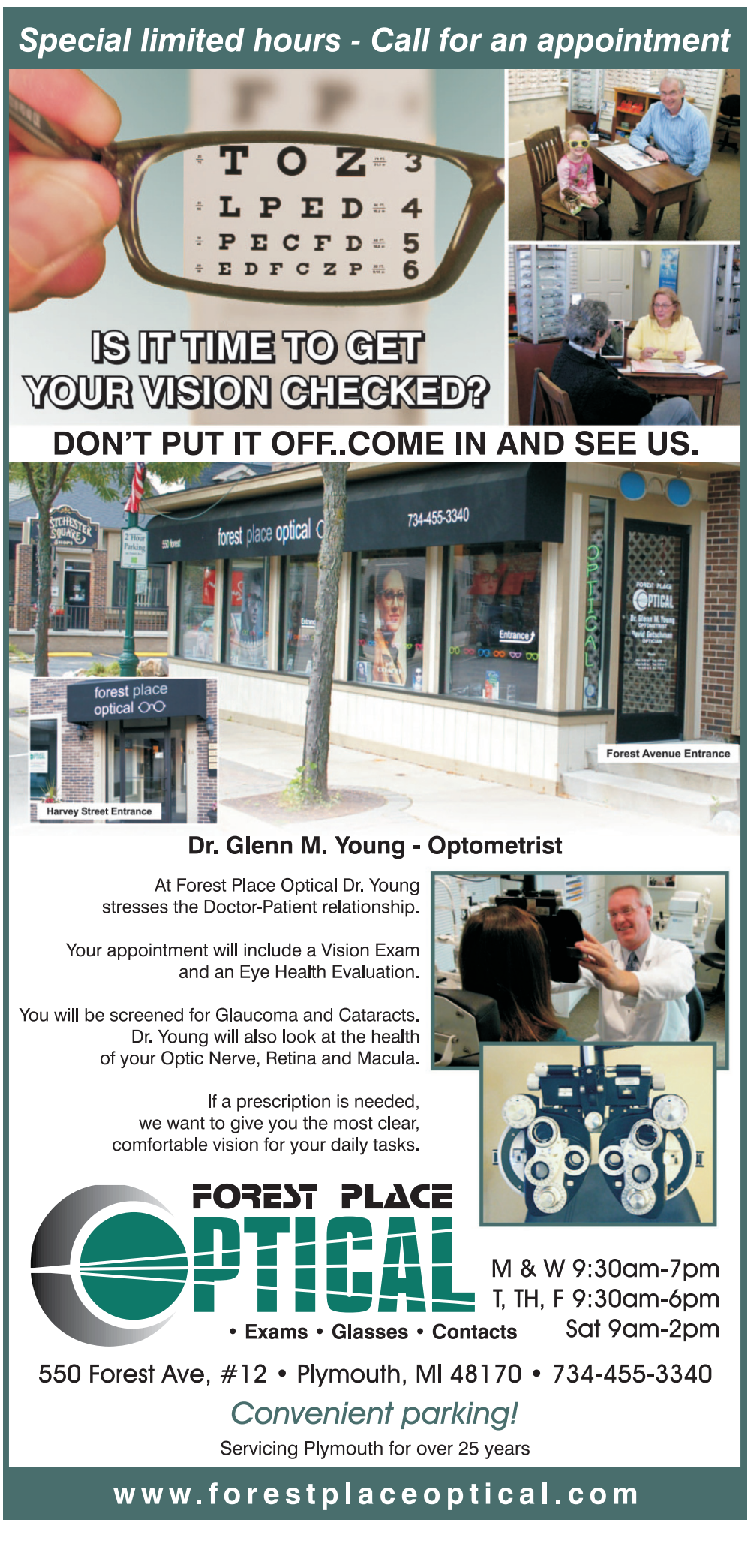
Also filing paperwork to appear on the ballot were Alanna Maguire, Jennifer Kehoe and Linda Filipczak. The three candidates with the highest vote totals will be awarded the four-year terms and the lowest vote getter will serve the two-year term.

Mayor Oliver Wolcott and Commissioners Ed Krol and Marques Thomey did not opt to seek reelection.

Candidates had until last Friday to withdraw their names from the ballot. Write in candidates have until 4 p.m. Oct. 22 to file a declaration of intent with the Plymouth City Clerk. Candidates must be a resident of the City of Plymouth and a qualified and registered elector.

### Search and destroy

Garlic mustard, an invasive, destructive weed, is taking over the Coldwater Springs Nature Area off Ridge Road, north of Five Mile Road. The growth is detrimental to the greenery, since native plants have difficulty thriving in the presence of garlic mustard, officials said. To stop the spread, Northville Township, Northville Parks & Recreation and Friends of the Rouge are urging community members to join them in a garlic mustard removal event May 15, rain date May 22. Residents are asked to bring their own work gloves and masks, follow social distancing rules and arrive between 8:30-9 a.m. to sign in. Not only will the effort help the nature area, but the pulled weeds will be weighed and measured, which helps the Friends of the Rouge secure a grant for this important project, officials said. Limited parking is available near the Coldwater Springs Nature area, on the east side of Ridge Road. Register at: https://secure.qgiv.com/for/trgs/event/828382/.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